

Dover Man Charged with 5th Offense DUI After Crash



William S. Smith (photo: 2006)

Dover- The Delaware State Police have arrested a Dover man with his 5th offense DUI after he struck two pedestrians.

The incident occurred on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at approximately 7:14 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to North Dupont Highway (US 13) and W. Denneys Road, for a crash involving two pedestrians. Upon arrival, it was discovered that a 2013 Nissan Altima, traveled off of the roadway, struck two pedestrians and a curb, and became disabled on W. Denneys

Road at the entrance of the Delaware Technical Community College. The operator of the vehicle involved in the crash, 51-year-old **William S. Smith**, had fled the scene, and was located in the parking lot of the College. Upon contact with Smith, an odor of alcohol was detected and a DUI investigation ensued. A computer check revealed that Smith had four previous DUI convictions, making this his fifth offense.

The pedestrians that were stuck, both 17-year-old females from Dover were transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Also in Smith's vehicle during the crash, were two occupants, a 47-year-old male from Dover, and a 47-year-old female from Newark. Both passengers were not injured as a result of this crash.

Smith was not injured as a result of the crash and was transported back to Troop 9 where he was charged with the following:

- 5th Offense Driving Under the Influence
- Vehicular Assault First Degree (2 counts)
- Reckless Endangering Second Degree (2 counts)
- Leaving the Scene of a Collision Resulting in Injury
- Driving While Suspended or Revoked
- Other traffic related offenses

Smith was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 7 and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on \$16,675.00 cash only bond.

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